

Applic. No.: 09/739,518

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 2-7 and 11 remain in the application. Claims 2 and 6-7 have been amended. Claims 1 and 8-10 have been cancelled.

In item 2 on pages 3-5 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 1-5 and 7 have been rejected as being anticipated by Decker et al. (US 6,281,984 B1) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

In item 4 on pages 5-6 of the above-mentioned Office action, claim 6 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Decker et al. in view of Chan (US 5,107,332) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 2-7 have been amended to ultimately depend on allowed claim 11.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement in item 7 on page 6 of the above-mentioned Office action that claim 11 is allowed.

Non-elected claims 8-10 have been cancelled.

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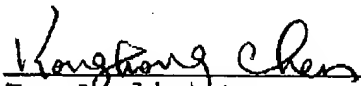
In view of the foregoing, an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance of claims 2-7 and 11 is solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out. In the alternative, the entry of the amendment is requested as it is believed to place the application in better condition for appeal, without requiring extension of the field of search.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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